

The Reported Hitting Tactics In Cuba Fiasco

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP). —Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was represented today as believing that inadequate military planning contributed to the Cuban invasion failure.

The former President, who has given backing to President Kennedy in the Cuban and Iranian crises, was reported to have criticized in a discussion Monday with Republican leaders at Gettysburg, Pa., the military tactics employed by the invading Cuban rebel forces.

Without attempting to assess any blame, Eisenhower was quoted as wondering if the Joint Chief of Staff had been consulted in any detail about the mounting of the invasion.

The former President was reported to have expressed the view that most of the heavy military equipment was loaded into a single old Liberty ship that could hardly withstand any shore battery fire or aerial attack.

He reportedly said this seemed inconceivable to him.

As an old military man, the General was represented as feeling that anybody who had studied the battle of Gallipoli would have known in advance that it would be almost impossible to make the kind of landing that was attempted.

In 1915 the Allies attempted landings on Turkey's coastline in an attempt to seize the Dardanelles but were repulsed with heavy losses after months of fighting.

The former President was said to have made it clear he was speaking from a military standpoint only.

Some of these leaders said it was Gen. Eisenhower's view

that wherever possible the United States should avoid acting alone in attempting to solve any crisis. They quoted him as favoring cooperation with allies.

Gen. Eisenhower's reported view that much of the military equipment was loaded onto a single ship virtually coincided with information pieced together by a U. S. official in the days immediately following the mid-April invasion.

Gen. Eisenhower's reported view that perhaps military leaders did not have enough to say about how the invasion was organized appeared to coincide to some extent with that of Sen. Wayne Morse (D.-Ore.).

Sen. Morse told the Senate yesterday that the Kennedy Administration must profit from the ill-fated invasion by making it clear that "we are not going to let the Central Intelligence Agency call the shots."

He said testimony by Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Allen W. Dulles, director of the CIA, has disclosed that the invasion was "poorly led, poorly timed and lacked internal support."